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SONG OF HOPE.

Here's a think I guess you hadn't
Never thought;
An' if so, you hain't been happy
As you'd ought.
It's a thought to make you glad,
For a feller can't be sad
When he sees th' things a comin'
That's he's ought.
This is it, th' furrer on we
Mortals go.
All th' brighter does th' future's
Promise grow.
Some keeps harpin' on th' past
Wishin' childhood's joy might last—
Hain't got time fer any such a
Bunch o' woe.
Ev'ry day since I been livin'
I have found
Lots and lots o' hope and sunshine
Scattered 'round.
Life's brim full o' love an' light
If a feller lives it right—
Always got the best time comin',
I'll be bound.
I ain't been along th' road as
Fur as some,
But she's kep' a-gittin' better
As I've come
'Twill be better still next year
Sure as I'm sittin' here—
Lookin' back I see some mountains
I have climb.
Chirk up growler: light yer face up
With a smile;
Better walkin' on ahead there
'Bout a mile.
Keep a-singin' songs o' hope,
Never set around an' mope;
For this life grows sweet an' sweeter
All th' while.
—Baltimore American.

NEW ERA INSTITUTE.

This notice will inform the brethren when and where I will hold Institutes. Midway, Pilgrim April 29-31 Mayville, Plymouth April 18-16 April 27-29 London, Mt. Sterling, Rivergreen May 11-18 Campbellsville, May 25-27 Berea, June 8-10

Pastors, ministers and all Christian workers in these communities are urged to attend and help in the great work, the impulse and importance of which have not been fully realized. Bring your Bible with you.

Yours in the work,
R. B. BUTLER
State Missionary for Eastern Kentucky.

Rev. J. T. Steward's Ministerial

Work has Made Him a Famous

Divine in the Buckeye State.

We are glad say to the readers of this

paper that Rev. J. T. Steward, of Ken-

tucky. Who is pastor of the Dayton,

O., Bethel Baptist church, has been

called the fourth time on this work by

said church. When he entered the

work four years ago the church had

run down somewhat and its mem-

bership did not exceed one hundred;

since he has entered this field the

membership has wonderfully increased

and now its near three hundred;

and from one to four are added nearly

every Sunday. The attendance is a

crowded house generally at the morn-

ing and evening services, and the ma-

jority of its membership are Kentuck-

ians. He has improved in his preach-

ing and has live a Christian gentleman

in our midst. He held a revival this

winter and added twenty five without

the calling for aid from out of the city

but went to work and accomplished his

undertaking. The goal to prove that

he has lived in such a way as to have

the power through the human agency

to bring souls to Christ. He has reach-

ed the D. D. mark as a faithful worker.

He has had a Ministerial Institute

organized in his church for the purpose

of teaching and training his discip-

les to preach their names as fol-

lows: James Brown, of Kentucky;

Wm. Proctor, of Kentucky; J. B. Con-

treance, of Virginia; F. Munford, of

Ohio; and others. He has been assist-

ed by Rev. E. J. H. Young, who is a

member of his church, and a graduate

of the Canadian College, and is now

the clerk of said church. Rev. Michael

McClain, of Tennessee, is also a mem-

ber and is aiding the pastor in his field

of work. Rev. Steward has a fine

Sunday School numbering near one

hundred scholars and the work seems

to improve. It is known that the

Bethel Baptist church is not the

largest Baptist church in this city, but

it comes second Baptizing on the 3rd

Sunday in April. Rev. Steward is

quite an orator and a faithful man,

and loved and respected by his church

and congregation and to this is due

his success and to his fourth call to

church His father-in-law, Haden Ross, died a few days ago, he was well known in Kentucky in years past. Several members have passed away to upper Bethel this spring. God has blessed his work and he carries the best wishes and prayers of his people.

E. J. HARROWAY.
Dayton, O.

IN MEMORIAM.

Louisville, Ky., March 26 1904. Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to take from our midst one who has ever been faithful to all Christian duties imposed from Sunday School, choir and church, in the person of our dearly loved sister, Mary E. Wilson, and,

Whereas her Christian her Christian life as exemplified in general deportment will cease to be a guide for many who looked to her as a brilliant star in God's constellation, and,

Whereas the army for Christ and his kingdom on earth has been weakened by the loss of a valiant soldier:

Be it Resolved: That we, the members of the Ninth Street church, Sunday School and choir, extend to her bereaved mother and relation our most profound sympathy.

Be it further Resolved: That in the death of sister Wilson the choir lose one whose voice was ever heard when it was convenient for her to be present; That the Sunday School loses one who was ever ready to lend a helping hand; That the church loses an ardent devoted member.

We realize that in our loss heaven, with all of its grandeur, its golden street, its pearly gates, was made to rejoice over its eternal gain.

We further realize that we are born to tabernacle but a short time in this world, and in the words of our martyred President, "It is God's way, His will be done."

We refer the bereaved to the greatest comfort the world has ever had, the scriptures of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Then we beseech you in the language of the poet:
"Weep no more for friend departed,
Nor despair for grief returned
But press onward firm true-hearted:
Watch for heaven's eternal morn."

There is sadness in this parting,
That must be for many years—
But now blest will be the meeting
Just beyond the vale of tears.

There we'll dwell no more in sorrow,
But we'll wait our time to come;
For it soon will be to-morrow,
And we'll safely rest at home.

Yours in Christ:
Ninth Street Church, Choir and Sunday School,
(Prof. F. B. Hawkins,
Committee, Gertie Eubanks,
Eddie Brown.)

A Mountain Preacher Visits Louisville.

Allow me to thank my good brethren for their kind treatment to me while in Louisville. I spent four weeks with Rev. Wm. Johnson which was a very pleasant stay and his church paid \$54.41 cents for which I thank them very much. The Ninth Street church is in a good condition spiritually and God is certainly with them. The Lord bless sister Johnson and she shall always have my prayer for the good treatment I received at her house. The church continued to bring plenty to fill the table for Mrs. Clark and I. There were over 70 additions to the church, 85 for the water. God is in the church and may Rev. Johnson live long to be a blessing to Louisville and the Baptists.

I went to Zion Baptist church and found Rev. W. H. Craighead and his good people looking and waiting for us. We opened fire upon Satan and his host and another hot battle was prosecuted for three weeks and closed with 42 happy souls added. The good people of that church gave me \$44.00 for my services, for which I am very thankful. Mrs. Craighead is another good preacher's wife and makes it pleasant for any one who comes under their roof. About every other day the market wagon of Bro. Johnson stopped at Rev. Craighead's gate and with such things a preacher likes to eat. Bro. Johnson has a nice home with other property. These two months were among the happiest of my life and may God bless this church. There are many other good things I could mention but space will not allow me at this time but you shall hear from me again soon concerning the mountains.

P. H. LARK.
London, Ky.

From Savannah, Georgia.

For some time I have been contemplating on writing you something for publication, I have read your well known valuable and widely circulated enterprise more than twenty years. I am glad to say that if I should live twenty years longer, that I would be glad to continue to read the American Baptist. You know of course that I came to this city to assume the pastorate of the old historic first Baptist African church, which is 116 years old to succeed the late Dr. E. K. Love, in May 1901, which will be three years next May. Since I have been here I have improved this church property to the extent of \$8,000.00. I can state, without fear of successful contradiction that I have as fine, or the finest church auditorium in this country—at least it is the finest I have seen in this country. I think I ought to know whereof I speak, as I have traveled from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean, and from the Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico. I have also received about five hundred members into the church and collected about \$20,000. I have much pleasure in my pastorate here. To begin with, I have an excellent official Board, that is loyal to the pastor and are too dignified to antagonize the pastor in the administration of his office as the shepherd of the church. I never was more respected by officers of the church. The members of the church love, revere, and appreciate their pastor, and they will do anything in their power for his comfort and pleasure. This appreciation is reciprocal in toto. I announced forty days that I would take an extra collection March the 20th and my people put \$1,011.22 on the table. Finances are considered rather hard to get at this season of the year here I am preparing for a great religious harvest this spring I have secured the aid of Dr. C. T. Walker, of New York, and Rev. P. H. Clark, D. D., of Nashville, Tenn., we are asking great things of God, and are expecting great things from God. I was informed recently that it was reported that I had met with a great misfortune, I take this opportunity of informing my friends that the rumor is a malicious falsehood out of whole cloth, I have not been molested in the least by any one since I have been in Georgia, I am one of the many ministers and pastors that know how to take care of himself. No one has ever spoken a unkind word to me since I have been in the South. The white people here will treat you royally if you will attend to your own affairs and keep out of politics, and that is what I am doing. The second Baptist church here with a membership of about 2,500 is without a pastor. Dr. J. J. Durham having recently resigned. I wish to state that is an excellent church and no second class preacher need to apply.

Your in His Name,
J. W. CARR.

Savannah, Ga.

UNIVERSITY NOTES.

S. U. Rah, rah, rah, rah,
S. U. Rah, rah, rah, rah,
Hurrah! Hurrah!
State University, rah, rah, rah.

Rev. R. H. Fauntleroy preached an excellent sermon for Berea last Sunday.

The Literary Society rendered a fine programme last Friday evening.

The young ladies attended Calvary church last Sunday morning, and also the educational mass-meeting at Zion in the afternoon.

Prof. Frye did not return from Lexington until Tuesday.

Prof. Morris spent Monday afternoon at Harrod's Creek looking up specimens.

School closes, May 13th.

The address delivered by Prof. A. H. Payne at the Educational Mass-meeting Sunday was most inspiring and will do much good.

Sister Ryan was all smiles when she saw the large crowd attend her meeting, and gave so liberally to her educational work.

The ladies of the Board said that is only the beginning of a series of meetings that they intend to hold at the churches. The brethren present gave them all the encouragement possible.

Prof. W. R. Payne was called to Frankfort Wednesday afternoon to attend a funeral.

An agent for Prof. DuBois' book "Souls of Black Folk," secured several subscriptions in chapel, Tuesday.

Mrs. Steinmetz's lecture Tuesday morning aroused the preachers as never before.

Concert recitation of scriptures is a marked feature of our devotional exercises now, since we have read through the Psalms.

The whitewash brush is changing the appearance of our campus.

The Team is preparing for a contest early in April.

The young ladies are not a whit behind the young men in using the campus. Miss Otha Nettie is the champion of them.

Prof. Brown is making Shakespearean out of his boys of the second Normal.

Good Work in Bowling Green, Ky.

Some moth ago the State Street Baptist church called Rev. J. Eulan Bullock, Charleston, W. Va., to its pastorate and after some correspondence he accepted the same and entered upon his work. Our church was heavily burdened with debt and many of our members were discouraged, but under his leadership our forces rallied and we are now full of courage and hope.

We planned a rally for last Sunday and when the announcement was made that night that \$1,150.36 had been raised there was a shout in the camp. Our people are working as never before and we will not only pay the balance on our new edifice but will complete and furnish it during this year unless all signs fail.

S. F. FERRELL.
Bowling Green, Ky.

THE SILENT PASTOR.

The religious paper is a silent pastor. The editor does not ring the doorbell and wait for some one to ask him in, take his hat, and invite him into the parlor and take a seat. He does not meet each member of the household, shake hands, and ask about the health of each, and report to the folks at home. He enters like an invisible spirit, or received as a bundle from the postman to be opened at pleasure, and examined by each one at any time, morning noon or night. His communications and instructions are given to the whole family together, or to one or more at a time, in the parlor, the dining room, the kitchen or the bedroom. When the family has received all he has to communicate, and are so edified or pleased as to desire him to visit some distant friend, he will go to the post office and into the mail, and visit another family and repeat everything to all that can hear or read.

What he has to communicate is very interesting and profitable. It has respect to Christian doctrine and duty, the meaning of the scriptures, church history and Christian work, missions and Sabbath Schools, temperance and the Sabbath, literature, education, art, science and government, vice and sin, and whatsoever is useful in this life and that which is to come. Every wise head of a family should welcome his visit. Whoso shuts him out does his own soul an injury and denies his family knowledge, culture and the bread of life.—Herald and Presbyterian.

NEW ERA INSTITUTE.

We hope to hold Institute begin in January 1904 as follows:—

Henderson, Norris Chapel, Jan. 6-8.

Paducah, First Ward, January 20-22

Bowling Green, New Bethel, February 17-19.

Elizabethtown, March 9-11.

Mayfield March 23-25.

Barlington April 6-8.

Louisville April 20-22.

We hope that the pastors and brethren in the above named places will get together and arrange to make it a meeting of success. It can be done, and if they decide it must be done, it will be done. The programme, as arranged is first class and the people will have the benefit of each lecture. This programme is being used all over the State among the Baptist white and black. The Lord bless the work.

I am Yours in Service,
P. H. KENNELLY,
Gen'l Missionary.

Henderson, Ky.

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at

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This policy is still adhered to, and the announcement for next summer's schedule shows that those who attend will not only find advantages in the study of the Bible and gospel music, but also unusual opportunities for taking part in different aggressive methods for reading the masses.

The leading Bible courses will be given by Rev. James M. Gray, D. D., of Boston. Consecutive lectures on "The Old Testament Prophets," "The New Testament Epistles," etc., will run from June to September (inclusive). Rev. William Evans will have courses in "The Book of Revelation," "Fundamental Doctrines" and "Personal Work." Among special lecturers who are expected for shorter visits are the Rev. John Urquhart, of Scotland, John Willis Dyer, of New York, Rev. Cornelius Woolfink, D. D., of Brooklyn.

The Institute owns a Gospel wagon which will be in service every day, weather permitting. At least one tent will also be kept running, with prominent tent workers, such as S. H. Hadley, of New York, and others, to preach. Street meetings and other forms of out-door activity will be daily features.

In preparing the schedule the needs of the country pastor, the school teachers and seminary student on vacation, the Christian man or woman who wants to be more helpful in the home church and Sunday School have been kept in mind. These can attend for a limited time, and receive help and inspiration in Bible study and aggressive work. A full prospectus can be secured by addressing The Moody Bible Institute, 80 Institute Place, Chicago.

IMPORTANT NOTICE—MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board of the National Baptist Convention is hereby called to meet in the city of Nashville, Tennessee, Wednesday, May 18, 1904. The Chairmen and Secretaries of our Boards, the Vice-Presidents, together with the officers of the Convention are requested to be present.

Dr. E. C. MORRIS, President,
WM. L. CANSLER, Secretary.
(Denominational papers please copy.)

MANAGER WANTED.

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APPEAL TO NEGRO BAPTIST CHURCHES.

To President of State Conventions, Moderators of Associations, Pastors of Churches and Baptist Generally.

Dear Brethren:—

You are hereby

collection of \$10,000.00 on the first Sunday in April for our Foreign Mission work in West, South and East Africa, and in South America. It is not possible in this brief letter to set forth in detail, the pressing needs of our mission fields, but believe me, that the honor of our Foreign Mission Board and the good of the Baptist denomination depends very largely, upon what shall be done by our fifteen thousand Baptist churches for missions on the first Sunday in April.

If Baptist principles are to be disseminated among the people in heathen lands, if the work already begun is to be successfully carried on, and the lives of our dear missionaries are to be preserved, we must act now and act altogether. If it were possible, I would address a personal letter to every Baptist Pastor in the United States with the hope of inducing him to set aside every other matter, and help to make the first Sunday in April, the greatest missionary day, ever recorded by the Baptist in this country. But, as I cannot do that, I am praying as I write this appeal, that it will go from one to another, until every one has heard the call and will resolve to make the day one of prayer and sacrifice, for the extension of the Master's kingdom over all the world.

Dr. Jordan, the Secretary of our Foreign Mission Board, will himself be in Africa when the day comes for the collection, but let none withhold on that account, but take a collection and send to the National Baptist Foreign Mission Board, 736 West Walnut St. Louisville, Ky.

Very Truly yours,
E. C. MORRIS.
Helena, Ark., March 1904, President National Baptist Convention,
[Baptist papers please copy.]

WANTED—TRUSTWORTHY LADY or gentleman to manage business in this county and adjoining territory for a house of solid financial standing \$30.00 straight cash salary and expenses paid each Monday direct from headquarters. Expense money advanced; position permanent. Address Manager, 805 Monro Block, Chicago.

To the Superintendents of Children's Bands, Auxiliary to the B. W. E. C.

Dear Sisters: I again appeal to you in the interest of the Children's Band. We came from our last Convention very much encouraged over our financial success; but we must continue to work to accomplish our undertaking. This work should not be confined to a few, but to the many Baptists of the State of Kentucky. The women are making a double effort; we children want to do likewise. Plan some way that you can get the children interested in the work have the bands meet regularly. We are not only after the amount the children send us for our work, but we want them trained to do religious work—that of giving without receiving—as our blessed Master has said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." By the assistance of the Lord we hope to do more this year than we have in any previous year. May peace and prosperity remain with each and every one of you is the prayer of your humble servant.

I will visit the following Sunday School on the dates mentioned.

April 8 Zion
" 10 Bland Street
" 17 Little Flock
" 24 Lampton Street
May 1 Green Street
" 8 Cabel Street
" 15 Beargrass
" 20 Green Castle
" 29 Anshelwege and Power
June 5 Jefferson
" 12 Newburg
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